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A Hospital Nurse's Hands.

As an example of trademarks have you ever noticed the hands of the hospital nurse? The soft white hand which in fiction is occupied in cooling fevered brows does not exist and could not. It is a skilled hand, but its work makes it rough and chapped. Try bathing your hands in disinfectants twenty times a day and you will find that, look after them as you may, they will soon be seamed with cracks, which an east wind often turns to bleeding cuts. And as they are worked hard for some twelve or thirteen hours a day the nurse takes a somewhat larger size in gloves than most women. If you ever see the photograph of a hospital nurse you may observe that she prefers to keep those hands behind her back.—London Chronicle.

Longest Family Tree.

The biggest family tree in the world is believed to be the one which traces the genealogy of Queen Elizabeth back to King David and thence to Adam, or at least as near to Adam as one could get. The coat of arms is given in almost every case, with full particulars of the dates of births and deaths. The labor of providing coats of arms is abandoned before Methuselah's time, but the chart measures forty-five feet and certainly does take one through a maze of nobility.

SWITCHED THEIR VOTES.

The Incident That Won Tom Corwin's First Fight For Congress.

"When I saw the oil painting of Tom Corwin in the treasury," said an Ohio man, "I could not but recall the story told in Corwin's old home of Lebanon of how he won his first election to congress. He was a young man and already noted as an orator, but he had a hard district and little encouragement for election. He was making his tour of the counties and one night stopped at the double cabin of a farmer known to be a very fervent advocate of political policies of the opposition. Corwin talked politics carefully with the old man and his sons before bedtime, but had little hope of winning a single vote in the household. In the morning the old man took Corwin outside and announced that every voter in the family would be for him on election day. This astonished and delighted Corwin, who could not help but ask why the sudden change of heart.

"The old man told how the opposition candidate had stopped at his house one night the week before and how the host and wife had watched the candidate go to bed. To their disgust, he actually put on a nightgown like those worn by a woman. This disgusted the rugged old pioneer. Then Corwin was told how the old farmer and his wife had watched him go to bed, and as he had not bothered about a nightie they determined he was not taken to frills. Corwin could see the humor of the incident, and in every succeeding speech he told that night-shirt story on the other candidate, holding him up to scorn. The result was a victory for Corwin, and he owed it all to that story of a shirt."—Washington Post.

CORE OF THE EARTH.

It May Be a Mass of Steel Some 5,580 Miles in Diameter.

Various conjectures have been made from time to time by geologists as to the possible condition of the center of the earth. One of the most popular impressions seems to be that the earth's center, or core, is a flaming furnace. At a meeting of the Geological association at The Hague Professor Welchert asserted that his studies of the varying velocity of earthquake tremors passing through the interior of the globe have led him to the conclusion that the earth consists of a central core of iron or steel, about 5,580 miles in diameter, surrounded with a stony shell 930 miles in thickness. Between the outer solid rind and the inner layer of rock, covering the metallic core, he thinks there is a layer of liquid or plastic material, lying a little less than twenty miles below the surface of the earth.

Men sometimes dream of enormous wealth stored deep in the earth below the reach of miners, but experts now aver that there is little or no ground to believe that any valuable metallic deposits lie very deep in the earth's crust regardless of Professor Welchert's beliefs to the contrary. Such deposits, it is said, are made by underground waters, and owing to the pressure on the rocks at great depths the waters are confined to a shell near the surface. With few exceptions are deposits become too lean to repay working below 3,000 feet. Nine mines in ten, taking the world as a whole, are poorer in the second thousand feet than in the first thousand, and poorer yet in the third thousand than in the second.—New York World.

To Stop Hiccoughs.

Simple cases of hiccoughs are often relieved by such measures as sucking ice or taking salt and vinegar, says the New York Medical Journal. Pulling the tongue forward and holding it for some time is an effective procedure. Sometimes obstinate hiccough is relieved when the patient is strong by having him hang with the arms extended and grasping some beam or pole, so that his feet do not touch the floor. With all the abdominal muscles tense, have him hold his breath as long as possible. Sneezing is very efficient in certain cases, since it is the exact opposite to hiccough, being a sudden expiratory act.

McSwiney's Gun.

Near Horn Head, County Donegal, Ireland, there is a hole in the rocks called McSwiney's gun. It is on the seacoast and is said to have connection with a cavern. When the north wind blows and the sea is at half flood the wind and the waves enter the cavern and send up jets of water from the "gun" to a height of more than 100 feet. The jets of water are accompanied by explosions which may be heard for miles.

More Worry.

"I didn't know you admired that of-ficial."
"I don't," replied the political manager.
"Then why do you insist on crediting him with a presidential boom?"
"Merely to make his life harder by giving him something more to worry about."—Exchange.

Full, But Empty

Two hunters had "beaten" the trail along the marshes of Long Island for three days with an unusually small bag resulting. The food supply had run out much ahead of schedule time; far worse, the "liquid ammunition" had been exhausted in the early stages of the hunt.

After following the coast vainly for three hours looking for some sign of habitation, they spied an empty house on the beach.

"Go in and look over it, Bill," said one.

He did so, returning in a moment, empty-handed.

"Anything in there?" asked his companion, expectantly.

"Nope," replied his running mate, with a profound sigh; "nothing but two empty bottles full of water."—Everybody's.

Our Honor Roll

Since our last report, the following old and new subscribers have made us thankful by contributing cash on subscription: A. J. Harter; I. R. Wellman, Leola, S. D.; W. T. Corey; G. F. Peacher, Arcadia, Fla.; Miss Mabel Kraft; T. D. Fawcette, Las Animas, Colo.; Ira S. Gardner, Brookfield; Mrs. W. A. Chinn, Girard, Kan.; E. M. Welsh, Moberly; John Nelson; Mrs. M. F. Clay; James Ogle, route three; W. S. Mathews, Ainsworth, Iowa; J. C. Lomax, Grangeville, Ida; C. H. Hatfield; L. B. Standly; Mrs. S. E. Griffith, Brookfield; S. M. Brown; Mrs. Mamie Bays, Clinton; F. P. Meeker, Greeley Colo.; W. J. Deeming, D. O., Brookfield; E. D. McDonnell, C. F. Sayles, route two; C. W. Felt, Nezperce, Ida.; H. B. Van Valkenburg, Trenton; L. L. Bruns, route one; Chris Brockman, route three; F. R. Power.

Order of Publication

(In Vacation.)

State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss.
In the Circuit Court of Linn County, Missouri,
at Brookfield, February Term, 1912.

Enoch Needles, Plaintiff

vs.
The Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, and Walker Brownlee... Defendants
At this 23rd day of November, 1911, come the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, before the undersigned Clerk in vacation and files his petition duly verified by his affidavit, alleging, among other things, that Defendants, the Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, are non-residents of the State of Missouri and cannot be served by due process of law in this State; The said defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, are all unknown to plaintiff, and that plaintiff cannot insert their names in his said petition and affidavit because unknown to him, and that said defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, are the owners of an undivided one-half interest in and to the real estate hereinafter described, subject to certain liens for taxes and special taxes held by plaintiff and by defendant Walker Brownlee, which interest so owned by defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, is derived by them as heirs at law of Margaret M. Needles, deceased.

Whereupon, it is ordered by the undersigned Clerk in vacation, that said Defendants, The Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, be notified by publication that Plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to secure a judgment and decree of this Court in partition, partitioning the following described real estate situated in Linn County in the State of Missouri, to-wit: Lot No. Seven (7) and the West Half of Lot No. Eight (8) in Block Six (6) in the Original Town (now City) of Brookfield, and ordering said real estate sold, and the proceeds thereof divided among the parties to this suit as their interests therein appear, and that unless the said The Unknown Heirs of Margaret M. Needles, deceased, be and appear at this Court at the next term thereof to be begun and holden at the court house in the City of Brookfield in said County on the 21st day of February, 1912, next, and on or before the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper published in said County of Linn, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next February term of this Court.

J. D. McLEOD, Circuit Clerk.

A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD.
Witness my hand, and the seal of the Circuit Court of Linn County, this 23rd day of November, 1911.

[SEAL] J. D. McLEOD, Circuit Clerk.

Administrator's or Executor's Notice

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of James Shulley, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Linn County, Missouri, bearing date the 24th day of November, 1911.

All persons having claims against said Estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

Date Nov. 25, 1911.

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